



2009-2010 Marilyn Sanderson Memorial Scholarship

"Life's Instructions"

"Don't miss a day in your life; find ways to make each day better - to you, to another; to the world. Develop, listen to, nurture and trust your instincts. You will compete in life, but life is not a competition - it is a gift to be shared. Don't be afraid to fall down and please don't be afraid to get back up. And don't be afraid to being afraid, because everyone is sometimes. Be as proud of who you are as what you do. Treasure the many special people in your life and know that you are one of them."

Marilyn gave this card to a student who returned to education goals August 26, 1997

October, 1992 - Marilyn Sanderson was hired as the Administrative Assistant for the NWT Treaty 8 Tribal Council, which was renamed Akaitcho Territory Tribal Council in honor of Akaitcho who traveled throughout our territory in the early 1800s. The tribal council was then renamed Akaitcho Territory Government (ATG) in 1997. We adhered to the mandate of the six (6) Dene First Nations consisting of Fort Resolution (Deninu K'ue), Fort Smith (Salt River), Fort Fitzgerald (Tthebatthi), Lutsel K'e (formerly Snowdrift) and Yellowknives Dene First Nation (Dettah and Ndilo) to pursue self-government.

ATG honours, acknowledges and promotes the contributions of the late Marilyn Sanderson by providing one scholarship of \$2,000 in her memory. This was sponsored by a motion in July 2006.

Marilyn, a very special, dedicated and committed employee obtained a well deserved promotion as the Executive Director after four years. She worked for the ATG and member first nations for a decade and half - 15 years.

One special person's personal commitment to the excellence and professionalism resulted in the growth and progression of ATG in all aspects of its mandate because of her faithfulness to us all.

Our ancestors make reference to....."As long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flow..... that this will be followed because this is what the creator and elders want. Marilyn did as the advised; she always used wise and knowledgeable judgement.

During Marilyn's life with us, she dedicated her time to promoting, preserving and enhancing Treaty #8. She devoted time to be a community leader by volunteering; was a loving wife and mother who maintained balance with both family and work; who worked for the things that she believed in.

Marilyn departed us on December 11, 2005 peacefully in her sleep and is resting with our ancestors. In recognition of her attributes, the Marilyn Sanderson Memorial Scholarship (MSMS) was established to carry on with the same enthusiasm and spirit.

Applicant Eligibility:

- You must be a Treaty 8 member registered to the above-noted six (6) Dene First Nations.
- Enrolled in a post-secondary or a recognized college or institute during/and/or employed with their First Nation in the field of business management or accounting.
- Must return to your First Nation community and employment.

Criteria based on:

- qualification by student academic performance
- attendance
- reference letters to prove motivation and enthusiasm

Applicants MUST SUBMIT the following:

- prepared title page
- two-page summary of their academic interests and achievements, extra-curricular interests and career goals. (Maximum 2 pages)
- three (3) reference letters
- a transcript of courses
- copy of your status card
- current phone number and email address so that you may be easily contacted

**Applications can be mailed, faxed or emailed
to the following address:**

Akaitcho Territory Government
General Delivery
Fort Resolution, NT X0E 0M0
Facsimile: (867) 384-3413
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